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## FBI Court Filing Reveals Grand Jury Targeted Hillary Clinton

*Documents contain statement on subpoena given by FBI assistant director assigned to "counterintelligence and counterespionage matters" who supervised Clinton investigation*

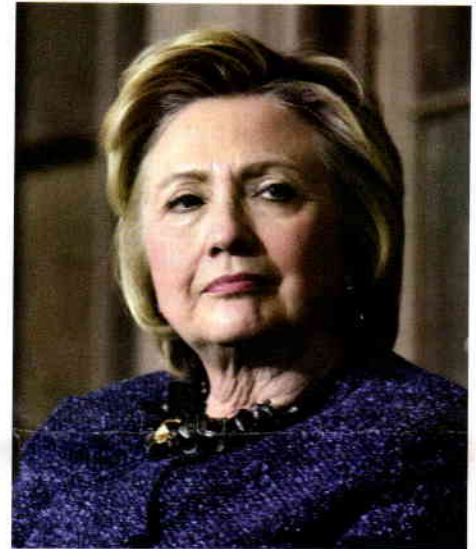
Judicial Watch litigation resulted in a July 2016 declaration from FBI Special Agent E.W. Priestap, the supervisor of the agency's investigation into Hillary Clinton's email activities, stating that the former secretary of state was the subject of a grand jury investigation related to her BlackBerry email accounts.

The declaration was produced in response to Judicial Watch's lawsuit

seeking to force Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to take steps to "recover emails of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton" and other U.S. Department of State employees (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rex Tillerson* (No. 1:15-cv-00785)). The lawsuit originally was filed against then-Secretary of State John Kerry. The Trump State Department filing includes details of the agency's continuing refusal to refer the Clinton email issue to the Justice Department, as the law requires.

In the court filing, Priestap declares under penalty of perjury that

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Hillary Clinton

## JW Seeks Records On Soros' Open Society Foundation-Macedonia



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George Soros

*USAID website reports it gave \$4,819,125 in taxpayer money to Soros's Open Society Foundation-Macedonia from 2012 to 2016*

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for records and communications relating to the funding and political activities of the Open Society Foundation-Macedonia. The Macedonia organization, one of George Soros' numerous Open Society Foundations, received nearly \$5 million from USAID from 2012 to 2016. The lawsuit was filed on April 19, 2017 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State and*

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during an investigation commencing on July 10, 2015, the FBI “obtained Grand Jury subpoenas related to the Blackberry e-mail accounts, which produced no responsive materials, as the requested data was outside the retention time utilized by those providers.”

On April 30, 2015, Judicial Watch sued Kerry after the State Department failed to take action on a letter sent to Kerry “notifying him of the unlawful removal of the Clinton emails and requesting that he initiate enforcement action pursuant to the [Federal Records Act],” including working through the Attorney General to recover the emails.

After initially being dismissed by the district court, Judicial Watch’s lawsuit was revived on appeal by a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on December 27, 2016.

While at the State Department, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton conducted official government business using unsecured email servers and email accounts.

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~ *Judicial Watch President, Tom Fitton*

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Her top aides and advisors also used non-“state.gov” email accounts to conduct official business. Clinton left office February 1, 2013.

“The FBI used a grand jury to investigate Hillary Clinton in 2016. Why is this information being released only now?” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “And, it is disturbing that the State Department, Justice Department and FBI are still trying to protect Hillary Clinton. President Trump needs to clean house at all these agencies.” **JW**



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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Violation of the Federal Records Act

Dear Secretary Kerry:

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

April 30, 2015

Ltr. to The Honorable John F. Kerry  
April 30, 2015  
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As you may be aware, the Federal Records Act imposes a direct responsibility on you as an agency head to take steps to recover any records unlawfully removed from the State Department. Specifically, upon learning of “any actual, impending, or threatened unlawful removal, defacing, alteration, corruption, deletion, erasure, or other destruction of records in the custody of the agency,” you must notify the Archivist of the United States. 44 U.S.C. § 3106. Upon learning that records have been unlawfully removed from State Department, you then are required initiate action through the Attorney General for the recovery of records. *Id.*

Judicial Watch letter to former Secretary of State John Kerry